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Sir:

Please amend the above application, originally filed April 15, 2004, as follows:

Explanation of Amendments:

Original application submitted included definitional errors. The terms "lateral," or derivative thereof, and "longitude," or derivative thereof, were transposed or used in a definitional sense where the other term was intended. The specification and claims have been amended to reflect these definitional errors. The original drawings reflect the application as amended.

Also, certain specifications and claims as they relate to figures 21 and 22 have been amended. Claims 18 and 19 have been canceled and replaced by Claims 21 and 22. The original drawings reflect the application as amended.